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NC-4 IS SUCCESSFUL IN ITS OCEAN FLIGHT

First in History of World to
Cross Atlantic Under its
Own Power.

BUT FEW DETAILS GIVEN

The 800 Miles from Ponta Del
gada to Lisbon Made in Nine
Hours and Forty-three Min-
utes.

Washington, May 29.—Blazing
the way of the first air trail from
the western to the eastern hemisphere,
the United States navy seaplane
NC-4, under Lieut.-Commander Albert
Cushing Read, swept into the
harbor at Lisbon, Portugal Tuesday,
the first airship of any kind to have
crossed the Atlantic ocean under its
own power and through its natural
element.

Taking the air at Ponta Delgada,
Azores, at 6:18 a. m., Washington
time, on the last leg of the trans-
oceanic portion of the voyage from
Rockaway Beach, Long Island, to
Plymouth, England, the NC-4 covered
the 800 miles in nine hours and
43 minutes, maintaining an average
speed of better than 80 knots an
hour. The total elapsed flying time
from Newfoundland to Lisbon was
26 hours and 41 minutes.

At the first opportunity the big
plane will continue to Plymouth
775 nautical miles to the north. The
great object of all the effort lav-
ished on the undertaking, naviga-
tion of a seaplane across the Atlan-
tic through the air, has been accom-
plished. Twentieth century
transportation has reached a new
pinnacle and the United States navy
has led the way.

Navy officials emphasized that the
long delay at the Azores was due to
the weather and to no weakness of
the machine or its daring crew, nor
to any failure of the carefully laid
plans of the department to guide the
fliers to destination. The 14 des-
troyers strung from Ponta Delgada
to Lisbon reported with machine-
like precision as the flight progress-
ed. The plane was never off its
course, and there was no moment
when officials in Washington did not
know within a few miles where it
was in the air.

To maintain adequate communi-
cation for this stage of the journey,
the destroyers stuck to their posts
after the flying boat had passed, re-
laying back to Ponta Delgada, re-
ports from ships farther eastward.
The chain was not broken until after
the plane was safely moored for the
night near the cruiser Rochester at
Lisbon.

For the next few hundred miles of
his epoch making Journey Com-
mander Read and his crew will be
within sight of the Portuguese or
Spanish coasts in the sweep north-
ward. Skirting the coasts of Cape
Finisterre, they will head out across
the bay of Biscay to sight Brest, the
most westerly point of France.
Thence direct to Plymouth. The
destroyers that will guide them
across the bay were ready in posi-
tion provided with the flares and
bombs that have made the trip safe
thus far except for the fog that
forced the other two machines of the
seaplane division, the NC-1 and
NC-3, out of the flight after they
had safely negotiated virtually the
entire distance from Newfoundland
to the Azores.

Chataqua Guarantors.

Following is a list of guarantors
for the Redpath chataqua secured
up to noon today:

C. D. Jones, Leroy Springs, R. N.
Walkup, M. J. Brittain, J. T. Wylie,
W. H. Miller, J. H. Witherspoon,
H. H. Scott, R. E. Wylie, Paul
Moore, R. S. Stewart, A. H. Robbins,
W. R. Thomson, A. P. McLure, R.
C. Brown, W. P. Robinson, John T.
Green, H. R. Rice, Ira B. Jones, E.
M. Croxton, B. Y. Funderburk, O. C.
Blackmon, S. L. Allen, R. S. Harper,
H. Hines, W. E. Plyer, John R. Fails,
Hugh R. Murchison.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Robinson,
formerly of Columbia, have return-
ed to Lancaster, where Mr. Robin-
son will be connected with Robin-
son-Cloud company. They are at
present visiting at the home of W.
D. Robinson on Elm street.

MOSE WITHERSPOON GIVES SELF UP TO FAIRFIELD SHERIFF

Slayer of Luther Horton is Now
Safely Confined in Peniten-
tiary at Columbia.

Mose Witherspoon, negro, who is
accused of killing Luther Horton, a
white farmer, near Kershaw last Fri-
day, was found early yesterday
morning near Rockton, about three
miles south of Winnsboro. He was
discovered in the field by one of Mr.
Davis' hands, who persuaded him to
come to Winnsboro and surrender
himself to Sheriff Macfie. Withers-
poon was very weak, as he had no
food since Sunday, and being afraid
of a posse of young men from Lan-
caster county, who were after him,
was willing to give himself up. As
soon as Witherspoon surrendered,
Sheriff Macfie left with him for Col-
umbia where he could be placed in
safe keeping in the penitentiary.
Part of the posse from Lancaster
county arrived in Winnsboro about
an hour after Sheriff Macfie had left
with his prisoner, but on learning
that the negro had been taken to
Columbia made no attempt to follow
Sheriff Macfie.

"LEWISITE" DEADLIEST OF ALL MANY POISONS

One of the Big Secrets of the War
Revealed When a Sample of This
Awful Thing Was Shown.

Guarded night and day, and far
out of human reach on a pedestal at
the interior department exposition
is a tiny vial. It contains a speci-
men of the deadliest poison ever
known. It is "Lewisite," product
of an American scientist. It is what
Germany escaped by signing the ar-
mistice.

Ten airplanes carrying "Lewisite"
would have wiped out every vestige
of life—animal, human and vegeta-
ble—in Berlin. A single day's
output would snuff out the four
million lives on Manhattan Island.
A single drop poured into the palm
of the hand would penetrate to the
blood, reach the heart and kill the
victim in great agony.

When the armistice was signed it
was being manufactured at the rate
of ten tons a day and three thousand
tons would have been ready for
business on the American front in
France on March 1st.

"Lewisite" is another of the big
secrets of the war just leaking out.
It was developed in the bureau of
mines by Prof. W. Lee Lewis, of
Northwestern University, Evanston,
Ill. It was manufactured in a spe-
cially built plant near Cleveland,
called the "Mouse Trap," because to
protect the secret every workman
who entered the stockade went un-
der an agreement not to leave the
eleven-acre space until the war was
won.

THE STRIKE SITUATION DAILY GROWING WORSE

Strikers in Charlotte With Guns
Are Patrolling Area in Front of
Their Houses.

Charlotte, N. C., May 29.—The
mill strike situation is becoming
more serious each day. A. J. Drape-
r has shut down his four mills and
no sound of spindles are heard
at either the Highland Park mills
or the C. W. Johnson mills. Strikers
with guns are patrolling the area in
front of the houses from which they
were to be ejected and dare anyone
to put them out. They have re-
fused to allow special officers to come
near the ground believing them to
be strike-breakers.

There is one ray of hope in the
situation and that is a proposition
for spokesmen from both sides to
get together and recommend a com-
promise. The mayor is to prepare a
statement in regard to the situation
and the desire is that each side ap-
point a spokesman. He will ask the
representatives of both sides to meet
at his office and try to reach a settle-
ment. The situation is regarded as
very grave and serious trouble is im-
minent unless the strikers agree to
arbitration. President Johnson, it
is said, will not employ union labor
and as matters now stand the strik-
ers are masters of the situation.

CORONER'S JURY IS HOLDING HUNTER

Charges Negro With Killing
Young Man in Charlotte
Friday Night.

IDENTIFIED BY FIANCE

Miss Lorraine Owen, Who Was
Riding With Harry Mont-
gomery When Latter Was
Shot, Accuses Hunter.

Charlotte, N. C., May 29.—Rising
dramatically from her chair when
Ernest Hunter entered the jury room
at the coroner's inquest, Miss Lor-
raine Owen, fiancée of the slain man,
threw back her head, pointed at the
negro and declared:

"I solemnly swear before God that
was the man who shot and killed
Harry Montgomery."

The negro trembled, glanced
about the room, then turned and
walked out the door, accompanied
by Deputy Sheriff V. P. Fesper-
man. He was smiling when he walk-
ed down the court house steps.

Miss Owen observed her 18th
birthday yesterday.

At 6:45 o'clock the jury empan-
eled by Coroner Z. A. Hovis return-
ed a verdict to the effect that
Harry L. Montgomery, who was killed
on a by-road between D'lworth
and Myers park near midnight Fri-
day while riding with Miss Owen,
"came to his death by a pistol shot
in the corner of the left eye, the pis-
tol being in the hands of Ernest
Hunter at the time of the shooting."

Having been informed by R. L.
Owen, father of Miss Lorraine
Owen, that the young woman intend-
ed to positively identify Hunter as
Montgomery's slayer when she ap-
peared at the inquest, Coroner Hovis
ordered the jailer to bring the ac-
cused negro to the court house in
order that the young woman could
see him again. He cautioned her
that a man's life depended upon her
statement and that it was her duty
to be absolutely certain before mak-
ing a charge.

Hunter was arrested about 3:20
o'clock last Saturday morning and
has been confined in jail since. He
continues to deny any knowledge of
the killing.

Official Report of Evidence.

Police Chief Walter B. Orr an-
nounced at midnight last night that
the investigations continued by the
police have failed to lead to new de-
velopments. He said some new in-
formation is in possession of the offi-
cials but this is of an indefinite na-
ture and must be thoroughly investi-
gated.

A squad of men under the direc-
tion of E. C. Bradley and Bob Barnes
spent Wednesday dragging Sugar
creek for about one mile in each
direction from the scene of the kill-
ing in a search for the 38-caliber
pistol with which Mr. Montgomery
was shot. Nothing was found. The
men made an exhaustive search in
the shallow water for the gun and
also for overalls which Miss Owen
said she thought the slayer wore.

Word H. Wood told of finding
Miss Owen screaming and crying for
help at the extreme end of East
boulevard as he was en route in his
car to his home in Myers park. She
in a hysterical condition, cried:
"My God, help me, a negro has shot
and killed Harry Montgomery." Mr.
Wood took her to police headquar-
ters where she told her story of the
killing.

Montgomery's Father Here.

F. A. Montgomery, of Wilming-
ton, father of the dead man, came
to Charlotte Wednesday to make in-
vestigations. The elder Mr. Mont-
gomery heard witnesses testify at the
coroner's inquest.

Miss Owen's testimony included
the statement that a mysterious Ford
automobile, the night of the crime
seemed to be following her and Mr.
Montgomery during their ride
through Myers park and that Mont-
gomery constantly glanced back
and appeared to be nervous.

Hunter, who was charged by the
coroner's jury with slaying Mr.
Montgomery, has employed D. B.
Smith, E. M. Redd and Plummer
Stewart as his attorneys. Mr.
Smith stated following the inquest
that no action would be taken yet

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COLUMBIA IS SCENE OF DOUBLE TRAGEDY

Policeman Lancaster Shoots
Wife and Man With Whom
She Was Riding.

HE FIRED ELEVEN SHOTS

Every One Took Effect in
Bodies of Mrs. Lancaster
and Newton Lorick, Richland
Farmer.

Columbia, S. C., May 29.—Shoot-
ing 11 times from two revolvers,
every shot taking effect, Eugene
Lancaster, traffic policeman of this
city, yesterday afternoon about 5
o'clock instantly killed his wife, Mrs.
Arrie Lancaster, and the companion
with whom she was riding in an au-
tomobile, Newton Lorick, a farmer
of the "Dutch Fork" section of Rich-
land county.

At the police department it is said
that Lancaster and his wife were not
the most congenial of companions
and it is alleged that the woman had
been receiving attentions from Lor-
rick, who was an unmarried man.

Yesterday afternoon Lancaster
went to the Columbia side of the
Gervais Street bridge crossing the
Congaree river, and is said to have
waited on his wife and Lorick, who
were riding in Lexington county.
When the couple reached this side
of the river, Lancaster opened fire on
them. He emptied one revolver and
fired five shots out of the other.
Both were automatic 38 caliber
"specials," shooting six rounds. Six
of the balls entered the body of Lor-
rick, one penetrating both legs and
the side of the automobile, and five
struck that of Mrs. Lancaster. They
died immediately.

The car swerved out of the street
and nearly rolled down a 15-foot
embankment. It was running when
Lancaster fired the 11 shots. Lan-
caster, who has been on the police
force here for a number of years and
is very popular, had his leg broken
in two places about seven weeks ago,
and it was bound up and he was on
crutches.

There are two conflicting versions
as to how he did the shooting. One
is that he was in an automobile
when he saw the car approaching
with his wife and Lorick and he
stepped out and started firing at
the couple, that he fell down, got up
and recommenced firing. Another is
that he jumped on the running board
of the machine and killed the couple.

When the machine stopped the
body of Mrs. Lancaster was hanging
over the door on the right side of
the car and that of Lorick had
slumped over on the seat behind the
dead woman. The couple occupied
the front seat of a touring car.

Lancaster did not try to escape,
but awaited the coming of Chief of
Police Richardson and Sheriff Mc-
Cain. He was considerably broken
up over the deed and before he was
taken from the scene he was sob-
bing, crying out and talking incoher-
ently.

"Oh, my God, what made me do
it," he is alleged to have cried. His
constant thought was for his chil-
dren, of which he has four, three
boys and one girl, the elder about
15 years and the youngest, the
daughter, about seven years. "My
poor children, my poor children,"
he moaned, "what will become of
them; my darling little girl, she
doesn't know, she doesn't know."

When taken to the police barracks
it was necessary to call a physician
to attend to Lancaster for several
hours because of his deranged
nerves and mental condition.

RETAIL MERCHANTS TO HOLD CONVENTION AT RICHMOND

Richmond, Va., May 29.—Five
hundred delegates from Virginia,
North Carolina and South Carolina
and Georgia will be here August 12,
13 and 14 to attend the annual
meeting of the Southern Retail Mer-
chants' association, was the an-
nouncement made, following a
meeting of the board of directors of
the organization, when plans were
made for the gathering. Representa-
tives were here from a dozen dif-
ferent cities to complete the plans for
the conference.

BURK MASSEY AND CHILD ARE KILLED BY SEABOARD TRAIN

Distressing Accident at Catawba
Junction Yesterday Afternoon.
Mrs. Massey May Die.

Burton Massey and his young son
were killed, Mrs. Massey and an-
other son were dangerously wounded
when a Seaboard train struck the
automobile in which they were rid-
ing at five o'clock yesterday after-
noon at a grade crossing at Catawba
Junction. Information reaching
Lancaster is to the effect that Mas-
sey was so badly injured that he
died fifteen minutes after the acci-
dent; the little son was killed in-
stantly, another son and Mrs. Mas-
sey so badly injured that there is
little hope for their recovery.

Burk Massey is well known in
Lancaster. His wife was a Miss
Huey and formerly resided here.
Their home was in Rock Hill.

SUFFRAGE RESOLUTION FAVORABLY REPORTED

Resolution Will be Called Up for De-
bate Net Monday—Final Vote
Expected Soon After.

Washington, May 29.—The house
resolution proposing submission of
woman suffrage constitutional
amendment to the states was re-
ported favorably to the senate late
yesterday, and Chairman Watson
of the woman suffrage committee,
gave notice that he would call up
the resolution for debate next Mon-
day. A final vote is expected soon
after.

Immediately after reorganization
of the senate committees by the Re-
publicans the woman suffrage com-
mittee held a hurried meeting and
agreed unanimously to favorable and
immediate report of the house resolu-
tion the first measure passed by
that body at this session.

Chairman Watson sought to have
the resolution taken up next Tues-
day and considered until a final vote
to the exclusion of all other busi-
ness. Senator Reed, Democrat, of
Missouri, disclaiming any intention
to delay action, objected because he
said, it might tie up all other busi-
ness of the country.

Senator Watson then gave formal
notice that he would have the resolu-
tion called upon Monday.

OPPONENTS OF PENROSE AND WARREN DEFEATED

Progressives Lose in Conference
Fight—Election of the Two to
Chairmanships Seems Certain.

Washington, May 29.—Election
by the senate of Senators Penrose,
Pennsylvania, and Warren, Wyom-
ing, as chairmen of the finance and
appropriations committees, respec-
tively is regarded certain as a result
of the open conference of Republi-
can senators.

The progressives, led by Senator
Borah, Idaho, were routed by a vote
of 34 to 8, in their effort to supplant
Senator Penrose and in private
statements later agreed that their
fight would not be taken to the sen-
ate floor.

Republican Leader Lodge plans to
present in the senate the Republi-
can committee assignments, with
prospect of a solid vote of the Re-
publican majority for their adop-
tion.

The committee nominations are to
be made en masse, but the Republi-
can plan of avoiding a separate vote
for chairmanships required by sen-
ate rules, was threatened by oppos-
ing Democrats, who were said to be
prepared to demand votes on the
chairmanships so as to require the
progressives to record themselves
squarely on Senators Penrose and
Warren.

ALLIES TO FEED PETROGRAD AFTER EXPULSION OF REDS

London, May 29.—The allied and
associated powers have made ar-
rangements to feed Petrograd and
render assistance to the starving
population after the expulsion of the
bolshewiki. Herbert C. Hoover, the
head of the allied relief, has the de-
tails in hand. It is hoped that re-
lief will be in the city within 36
hours after the bolshewiki withdraw.

GERMANY'S ANSWER IN ALLIES' HANDS

Final Word from Council of
Four is Now Awaited
Anxiously.

ALLIED TROOPS READY

Whatever Action is Deemed
Necessary By Foch Will Be
Taken in Event of Refusal to
Sign.

The representatives of the allied
and associated powers at last
have before them the answer of
Germany to the terms of the peace
treaty.

Under the procedure adopted by
the peace congress, the reply of the
Germans to the various clauses of
the treaty, consisting mainly of coun-
ter proposals seeking to lessen the
severity of the allied terms, will be
considered by the members of the
council of four, who will digest the
views of the enemy and report back
their decision as quickly as possi-
ble. This decision is to be final, and
Germany then will be compelled
either to sign or reject the treaty.

In case of a declination to sign,
British, French and American
troops are prepared to take such
steps as Marshal Foch may deem
necessary, while at sea the block-
ade against Germany is ready to be
tightened again. A plan of the al-
lies to have Switzerland, in the event
of a refusal by Germany to sign, en-
force a more severe blockade against
Germany, if necessary, is reported to
have failed, Switzerland claiming
this would infringe Swiss neutrality.

Austrian Terms not Ready.

It had been believed possible that
on Friday the terms of peace to Aus-
tria would be ready for submission
by the council of four to the repre-
sentatives of the smaller nations.
This, however, has been found im-
practicable, owing to the necessity
to embody in the treaty the new
agreement as regards the Italian
claim in the Adriatic region. Never-
theless, the envoys of the smaller
nations will hear the document read
Friday, and it is possible that the
early week will witness the handing
of the treaty to the Austrians at St.
Germain.

Unofficial advices concerning the
settlement of the Adriatic issue are
to the effect that Fiume, the chief
bone of contention between the
Italian and the other members of
the council of four, which Italy de-
sired as her own but which Presi-
dent Wilson and Premiers Lloyd
George and Clemenceau declined to
concede her, is to become independ-
ent. Italy, report has it, is to ob-
tain certain of the Dalmatian is-
lands, but whether she is to get the
seaports of Zara and Sebenico, on
the Dalmatian coast, seems to be in
doubt, one report declaring that she
will and another that she will not.

Memorial Day.

Throughout the European war zone
Friday, American memorial day
exercises will be held at various
places. President Wilson is to de-
liver an address at Surresnes, near
Paris, and deposit a wreath in the
cemetery where American soldiers
are buried as a tribute of the Boy
Scouts of America to the heroic
dead.

In the Belleau Wood, where
thousands of mounds of earth with
crosses at their heads tell the tale
of the heroism shown by the Ameri-
cans at the point where the world
war had its turning point, at Fismes
and around Soissons; in the region
of the Argonne forest and in north-
ern France and Belgian Flanders,
the graves of all the men who made
the supreme sacrifice are to be de-
corated, volleys will be fired over
them by squads of infantrymen and
"taps" will be sounded by American
buglers.

ADRIATIC STATEMENT

VIRTUALLY AGREED UPON

Paris, May 29.—The Temps says
today that an agreement has vir-
tually been reached on the Adriatic
question and that President Wilson,
who saw the Jugo-Slav delegates to-
day, has given his consent to the ar-
rangements, which Premier Orlandi

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